GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2388
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
REST AREAS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received to arrange and build rest areas all over the national highway system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has no plans to build such areas on the national highway system;

(d) whether the Government propose to accept initiatives from NGOs in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps proposed to find ways to incorporate fresh ideas from NGOs and others to enhance road safety?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In 1986-87, Government initiated a policy to facilitate provision of rest areas along national highways. Under the policy, twenty one rest areas have been made operational as per statement annexed. Acquisition of land for six sites in Karnataka has been completed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e)The Government policy for facilitating rest areas was amended in 1998 and the Government now acquires land and thereafter it can be leased to private entrepreneurs including NGOs through a transparent bidding process for development of rest areas.

(f) Fresh ideas including mass awareness among the citizens towards safety norms received from NGOs and others for enhancing road safety are being incorporated appropriately in the road safety programmes.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2388 ANSWER ON17TH DECEMBER, 2003 ASKED BY SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH REGARDING REST AREAS ON NATI HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Name of State	Number of rest areas
1. Andhra Pradesh	2
2. Assam	1
3. Goa	1
4 Haryana	1
5. Jammu & Kashmir	1

6. Kerala 1

7. Madhya Pradesh 1

8 Maharashtra 2

9. Orissa 1

10 Punjab 1

11 Rajasthan 3

12 Tamil Nadu 1

13 Uttar Pradesh 3

14 West Bengal 2

TOTAL 21